Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, February 13th, 1883.

The City Council met last night in the Council Chamber. In the absence of Mayor Meredith, Ald. Birrell was called to the chair, there being present Ald. Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd, Becher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From lessees in Covent Garden Bazaar, asking that the ventilators be repaired. No. 3, with power.

From Mrs. Mary Mackey, asking for remission of back taxes. No. 1.

From Mr. James Taylor, in reference to his bondsmen. No. 1.

From Geo. Holman, against street watering tax. No. 3.

From Mrs. Portwood, asking remission of taxes. No. 1.

From R. Berry and other auctioneers, asking that certain restrictions be removed which prohibits them from selling on the market before one o'clock in the day. No. 3.

ACCOUNTS.

From D. Regan, for boots, $3.50. No. 1.

BY-LAWS.

A by-law was read three times and passed, appointing James Marshall chimney-sweep for the southern part of the city, and W. H. Moorhead for the northern part.

A by-law was read repealing by-law 59, which provides for the election of city officials by ballot.

On the second reading Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the by-law be read a second time six months hence.

Ald. Hunt moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that the by-law be now read a second time.

The yeas and nays were called for as follows:—

Yeas—Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Moore, Becher, Birrell. Nays—Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Boyd.

The by-law was then read a second and third time and passed.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt reported from No. 3 Committee as follows:—(1) That accounts amounting to $694.98 be paid; (2) That the cordwood now lying in the Hospital yard, charged to the Relief account, be transferred to the Hospital account; (3) Your committee having called for tenders for the proposed additions to the City Hospital, beg to recommend the following for your acceptance:—Geo. T. Dodd, carpentering and joining work, $2,187; Geo. Slade, plastering, $340; Luney & Parsons, brick and stone work, $1,625; H. Colerick, painting, $170; plumbing, say, $278. Total $4,600; (4) Relief—That accounts amounting $725.21 be paid; (5) that the petition of the Women's Refuge and Infants' Home for a grant of $10 per month for support of two infants be granted; (6) that the petition of A. Cleghorn and others respecting the purchase of an "ambulance wagon," to be used in connection with the city Hospital be complied with, and that the chairman of this committee be empowered to purchase the same; (7) that the petition of R. Berry and others be referred to the Council; (8) Fire, water and gas—that accounts amounting to $307.09 be paid; (9) Markets—that Annie Throgmorton be relieved of stall No. 12 in the Market Bazaar, she being unable to pay the rent through illness; (10) that Joseph M. Wilson, Market Clerk, be granted the sum of $10 for extra services during the month of January; (11) your committee beg to report the receipts from the weigh scales from the 3rd to the 31st January, being $103.79; (12) your committee would recommend to the Council the advisability of calling for tenders for the supply of wood for relief purposes, the present contract having expired; (13) that the Council be recommended to accept the terms offered by the County Council of Middlesex for the admission of paupers to the County Poor House at Strathroy on the same conditions as those received from the county of Lambton.

Ald. Birrell in the chair.

The report was committed.